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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/IT 00/00373	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 21/09/1999
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1-7,12-21,24,27-30 relate to a compositions, kits and methods having or using compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely (a) chemotherapeutic compounds (in claim 3 also called class B compounds) said compounds exerting cytotoxic action toward actively proliferation cells and not affecting survival and proliferative potential of interphase cells and (b) protective compounds (in claim 3 also called A compounds) said compounds having the capability of reversibly inhibiting cytodieresis of normal cells and non-inhibiting the biological action of a chemotherapeutic compound. The claims cover all compositions, kits and methods having or using these compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds and methods. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound and their methods of use by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to compositions, kits and methods having or using the compounds described in claims 8-11, 22-23 and 25-26 and the general concept of the application, concerning the compositions, kits and methods in so far the compounds are defined as above in (a) and (b).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12N A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

BIOSIS, EPO-Internal, PAJ, WPI Data, MEDLINE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>RICHMAN C M ET AL: "INTERFERON PROTECTS NORMAL HUMAN GRANULOCYTE-MACROPHAGE COLONY-FORMING CELLS FROM ARA-C CYTOTOXICITY"</p> <p>JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL RESPONSE MODIFIERS, vol. 9, no. 6, 1990, pages 570-575, XP002165025</p> <p>ISSN: 0732-6580</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>page 570, column 2, last paragraph -page 571, column 1, paragraph 1</p> <p>page 572, column 1 -column 2, paragraph 1</p> <p>page 573, paragraph 3</p> <p>---</p>	<p>1-3,</p> <p>10-12,</p> <p>17,18,</p> <p>24-27,30</p>
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